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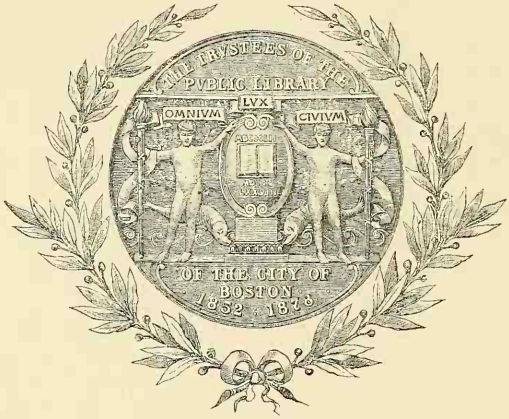

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JAMES LAWSON
1858–1937

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated in profound memory of my beloved father, James Lawson, whose life was filled with love and devotion for his family and friends.

His labors and inspiration brought forth the accomplishments of his children, who gave truly to the United States in war and in peace.

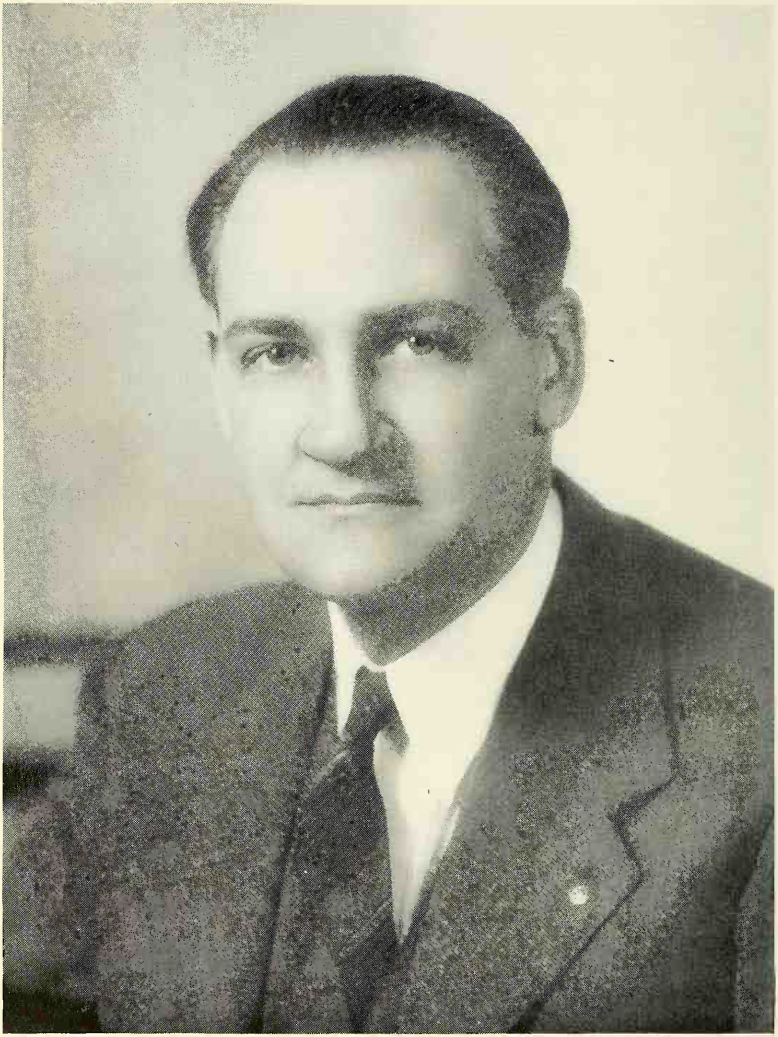
The family of James Lawson will always cherish his labors and sacrifices and will always hold him in high esteem.

CHESTER MCKINLEY LAWSON

FOREWORD

The data in this book was obtained from birth, marriage and death records, family Bibles, family records, cemetery records, gravestone inscriptions, court records, church records, and from members of both the Lawson and Chester families.

The sponsor and the compiler of this book desire to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to those whose kind cooperation was instrumental in the completion of this book.



CHESTER MCKINLEY LAWSON

CHESTER McKINLEY LAWSON

CHESTER M. LAWSON, the son of JAMES and SARAH (CHESTER) LAWSON, was born in Fall River, Mass., on January 4, 1901. He was educated in the Malden public schools and obtained further education by taking University Extension courses and also attended the Wentworth Institute.

His early days were spent the same as those of most boys at that time. Initiative, perseverance, and ability were some of the traits he possessed which enabled him to advance and become Assistant Superintendent of the Angier Chemical Company, of Allston, Mass.

In April, 1933, his early ambitions were realized when he started his own machine business, and in 1937 it became known as the Lawson Machine and Tool Company, of Malden. In 1935 he became a sub-contractor of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company. Through the ingenuity of Chester M. Lawson, the Lawson Machine and Tool Company continued to grow very rapidly all through the depression, and in 1939 the success of the company was assured when Mr. Lawson was able to obtain a contract from the U. S. Navy Department, through the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company.

A beautiful building was rehabilitated in Malden, Mass., in which building the most modern facilities for the convenience and the protection of all employees were provided.

On March 22, 1943, the Army-Navy "E" for efficiency and cooperation with the war effort of World War II was awarded the company, at which time a letter was received by Chester M. Lawson, as head of the firm, signed by the Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal. The first thought of Mr. Lawson was to have befitting exercises so that he could inform his employees that the award belonged to them and not to the company. Such exercises were held subsequently. High officials of the Army and Navy, and city and state officials, including Governor Saltonstall, were present. The above was the first of five Army-Navy E awards.

Those who know Chester M. Lawson admit that he is a capable business man and that without his ability, soundness

and thoughtfulness, the Lawson Machine and Tool Company would never be what it is today.

He is an active member of the following organizations: the Malden Rotary Club; Converse Lodge A. F. and A. M.; Malden Chamber of Commerce; Boston Yacht Club, Marblehead; Salem Country Club; Bear Hill Golf Club, Stoneham; the National Association of Manufacturers; the Melrose Council R. & S. M.; Malden Club; Boston Chamber of Commerce; Royal Arch Chapter Tabernacle; Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead; Malden Y.M.C.A.; Associated Industries of Massachusetts; Navy League of the U. S.; National Aeronautics Association of the U. S.; Kernwood Club of Malden; and charter member of the Navy Industrial Association. He is President of the Malden Chamber of Commerce.

His membership in the foregoing organizations is indicative of the high esteem in which Chester M. Lawson is held in both the social and business world.

DESCENDANTS OF
JAMES ROUE LAWSON

ETHEL LAWSON FLOYD

CHARLES LAWSON

SARAH CHESTER LAWSON

MABEL LAWSON SPARKS

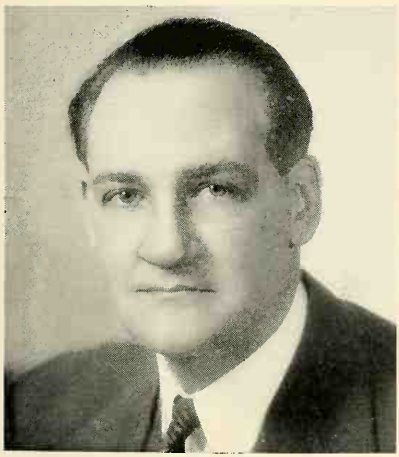
HAROLD RAYMOND LAWSON

WILLIAM JAMES LAWSON

ALICE LAWSON STEVENS

JAMES LAWSON

GEORGE EDWARD LAWSON



CHESTER MCKINLEY LAWSON

JAMES ROUE LAWSON GENEALOGY

1. JAMES ROUE LAWSON was born June 26, 1831, in Slatefield, Forfarshire (Angus), Scotland, the son of ANDREW and JANE (ALLAN) LAWSON. He died Feb. 21, 1904, in Sheffield, England, and was buried in Darnall Cemetery in that city. His father was a cabinet maker. He married Dec. 28, 1851, in Montrose, Forfarshire (Angus) Scotland, MARY MILLAR, daughter of WILLIAM and JANE (LOW) MILLAR. She was born July 6, 1827, in Craigo, near Montrose. She died at Bristol, England, May 10, 1873, and was buried in Westbury-on-Trym in or near Bristol. He was an engineering pattern-maker.

They had six children:

A. ELIZABETH LAWSON was born in 1854 in Arbroath, Forfarshire (Angus), Scotland. She died October 7, 1868, in Kingsdown, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, and was buried in Westbury Churchyard, Bristol.

B. JAMES LAWSON was born Dec. 16, 1858, in Forfarshire (Arbroath), Scotland. He died Feb. 3, 1937, in Malden, Mass. He married Aug. 13, 1881, in Trinity Church, Bristol, England, SARAH CHESTER, daughter of ELI and CAROLINE (VAUGHN) CHESTER. She was born Nov. 7, 1861, in Yeovil, Somersetshire, England.

In Bristol, England, he worked for the Parnell Co. which opened an agency in Fishponds, over which agency he was manager. In 1886 he moved to Cardiff, Wales, and was an engineer for a wagon company. On May 29, 1893, he came to Boston, Mass., on the *Catolonia*, and then to Fall River to his wife's sister. He remained in Fall River until 1902, and worked for the Reid and Creighton Co. as a machinist. Then he moved to Malden, Mass., and worked for the Cochrane Manufacturing Co. as a machinist and engineer. Later, he became a member of the Planning Board of the Charlestown Navy Yard. He was a member of the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and a life member of the Converse Lodge of Masons. He acquired his citizenship when he became naturalized on Oct. 13, 1899, at the Second District Court at Fall River, Mass. On Aug. 13, 1931, he and his

wife celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. His perseverance, initiative, calmness and kindness were instrumental in his success as a master mechanic and steam engineer.

She resides in Malden, Mass.

They had nine children:

1. CHESTER LAWSON was born and died in 1882 at the age of three months, and was buried in the cemetery in Fishponds, Bristol, England.

2. ALICE MARY LAWSON was born Oct. 26, 1883 in Fishponds, Bristol, England. She married Oct. 6, 1924, in Malden, Mass., ROY OSCAR STEVENS, son of EDWARD A. and MARGARET (VARNEY) STEVENS. He was born in Bath, Maine, Aug. 3, 1883. She is a member of O.E.S. Mona Bina; Malden, First Church of Christ (Scientist) and a member of the Mother Church.

   They reside in Malden.

3. WILLIAM JAMES LAWSON was born Apr. 25, 1886 in Cardiff, Wales. He married Sept. 9, 1913, in Charlestown, Mass. JEANETTE ELIZABETH WHITTEN, daughter of WALTER and NELLIE (FRANCIS) WHITTEN. She was born Aug. 11, 1893, in North Shapleigh, Maine. He is a machinery planner and estimator.

   He was graduated from the Malden High School and his further education consisted of courses in marine engineering, and he was graduated from the Franklin Institute of Boston, Mass. In 1908 he enlisted in the U. S. Navy as machinist's mate and was honorably discharged in 1919 as chief machinist. He campaigned in Mexico, Liberia, Africa, San Domingo, Haiti, West Indies, and was in World War I for 19 months, including service in Europe.

   He is a member of the Machinists' Union, A. F. of L., as well as a member of the Cable and Tow Masonic Club of the Boston Navy Yard. He was on the Board of Directors for 1944, 1945, and is Recording Secretary for 1946. He is also a member of the Converse Lodge of Masons of Malden, Mass.

   They reside in Malden, Mass.

   They had four children:

   a. DOROTHY FRANCES LAWSON was born June 24, 1914, in Malden, Mass. She married Nov. 23, 1938, in Elkton, Maryland, WILLIAM KIRBY CLARK, son of WILLIAM EDWARD and MARY (KIRBY) CLARK. He was born Aug. 20, 1916, in Chicopee, Mass. He is a Merchant Mariner.

They reside in Malden, Mass.
They had two children:

i. WILLIAM KIRBY CLARK, JR., was born Oct. 9, 1939, in Springfield, Mass.

ii. JAMES EDWARD CLARK was born Apr. 25, 1942, in West Springfield, Mass.

b. WILLIAM JAMES LAWSON, JR. was born Nov. 25, 1917, in Malden, Mass. He married Dec. 28, 1943, in Malden, Mass., KATHRYN IDA HARTINGER, daughter of FLOYD E. and MARY ANN (STRAUSE) HARTINGER. She was born Mar. 20, 1919, in Reading, Penn.

He received his education in the public schools and later at a business school. On Feb. 6, 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and for eight months was with the Ninth Medical Battalion, Ninth Infantry Division. From Oct. 1, 1942, to Dec. 23, 1942, he attended Officers' Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Penn., where he was graduated as 2nd Lieutenant. He was assigned to the Regional Hospital in Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, and on Aug. 28, 1945, he was transferred as Captain to Camp Sibert, Alabama. On Oct. 23, 1945, he was transferred to the Welch Convalescent Hospital, Daytona Beach, Fla.

They reside in Malden, Mass.

c. WALTER RAYMOND LAWSON was born June 8, 1920, in Malden, Mass. He received his education in the public schools of Springfield, Mass., and served one year as apprentice toolmaker in 1940 with Cole-Hersee Co., South Boston, Mass.

In 1939 he joined the U. S. Naval Reserve and in 1941 was called into the Regular Navy. He went in as Seaman 2/c and is now machinist's mate 1/c on the U.S.S. *West Point*. He has seen service in the Far East, South Pacific, the European and Philippine Theatres.

He resides in Malden, Mass.

d. ELIZABETH JEANNETTE LAWSON was born Mar. 1, 1924, in Chicopee Falls, Mass. She married Dec. 14, 1942, in Everett, Mass., THOMAS IVAN PARK, son of THOMAS IVAN and BERTHA MAY (TAYLOR) PARK. He was born Nov. 3, 1917, in Everett, Mass.

They reside in Malden, Mass.

4. Ethel Lawson was born Aug. 27, 1888, in Cardiff, Wales. She married first, Aug. 9, 1911, in Malden, Mass., Louis Ortner, son of Ferdinand and Ida (Fick) Ortner. He was born Aug. 9, 1888, in Toledo, Ohio. She married secondly, Sept. 8, 1931, in Malden, Mass., Frank Horton Floyd, son of John and Nettie (Horton) Floyd. He was born Mar. 25, 1888, in Boston, Mass. They had no children.

They reside in Malden, Mass.

By the first marriage, there was one child:

a. James Louis Ortner was born May 31, 1914, in Bellevue, Ohio. He married June 25, 1939, in Contoocook, N. H., Christine Nelson, daughter of Lewis Arthur and Bertha Maude (Chase) Nelson. She was born Dec. 28, 1915.

He received his primary education in the Malden public schools, was graduated from Boston University, Boston, Mass., in 1936, where he received his B.S. in B.A., and then received his M.B.A. from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., in 1938. He is an accountant by profession, and is a member of the Harvard Club of Pittsburgh, Penn.

They reside in New York, New York.

They had one child:

i. Sally Chase Ortner was born March 29, 1940, in Manchester, N. H.

5. Charles Lawson was born Dec. 8, 1890, in Cardiff, Wales. He married May 12, 1914, in Malden, Mass., Gladys Dinsmore, the daughter of James William and Jessie Joan (Biswanger) Dinsmore. She was born Sept. 27, 1889, in Medford, Mass.

Besides his primary education, he attended the General Electric apprentice school in Lynn, Mass.; mechanical engineering at Franklin Institute, Boston, Mass.; and mechanical engineering from the International Correspondence School.

He has held supervisory positions in four manufacturing plants since 1918, and during World War II was General Shop Superintendent with Pratt & Whitney. He now is the Assistant to the Factory Manager handling management-employee relations.

He belongs to the I.O.O.F., Malden, Mass., the Masonic Lodge, Malden, Mass.; the Eastern Star, East Hartford and Malden; the Amaranth, East Hartford, Conn.; the American

Society of Tool Engineers, the Exchange Club, East Hartford, and the Chamber of Commerce, East Hartford.

They reside in East Hartford, Conn.

They had one child:

a. EVELYN LAWSON was born July 16, 1915, in Medford, Mass. She married Nov. 10, 1940, in East Hartford, Conn., CARLTON PAUL ROSCOE, son of HARRY VERNON and GRACE LINDA (SUMNER) ROSCOE. He was born Mar. 13, 1914, in Malden, Mass.

Besides her primary education, she received her A.B. degree in 1937 from Tufts College, Medford, Mass., and received her B.S.S. from the Simmons School of Social Work. She belongs to the Alpha XI Delta and is President of the Hartford Alumnae Chapter.

CARLTON ROSCOE is Office Manager of the Traffic Department of the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford, Conn.

They reside in East Hartford, Conn.

They had one child:

i. CHARLES HARRY ROSCOE was born April 29, 1944, in Hartford, Conn.

6. MABEL LAWSON was born June 6, 1892, in Cardiff, Wales. She married June 15, 1914, in Malden, Mass., CHESTER SPARKS, son of GEORGE H. and EMMA MINERVA (HIBBARD) SPARKS. He was born May 16, 1889, in Portland, Maine.

She is a member of the Christian Science Church, a member of the Resolute Rebekah Lodge No. 99, I.O.O.F., a member of the Malden Chapter O.E.S.

He is a Laboratory Foreman.

They reside in Melrose, Mass.

They had three children:

a. BEATRICE ALICE SPARKS was born April 29, 1917, in Malden, Mass. She married Nov. 10, 1938, in Melrose, Mass., ARTHUR WILLIAM DIXON KNAPP, SR., son of ARTHUR WELLESLEY and PAULINE (MARGOT) KNAPP. He was born May 8, 1917, in the Bronx, N. Y.

He is in the U. S. Marines at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

She is serving as Civil Service Payroll Clerk for the U. S. Marine Corps at the Camp Engineer's Office.

They had one child:

i. ARTHUR WILLIAM DIXON KNAPP, JR., was born Jan. 17, 1941, in Melrose, Mass.

b. BABY SPARKS was born and died Feb. 17, 1926, in Malden, Mass.

c. CHESTER HIBBARD SPARKS was born Feb. 25, 1928, in Melrose, Mass. He is a member of the Christian Science Church.

7. HAROLD RAYMOND LAWSON was born July 24, 1897, in Fall River, Mass. He married Oct. 22, 1920, in Malden, Mass., THEODORA HORTUS, daughter of JOHN FRANS and CATHERINE (NOLTING) HORTUS. She was born Aug. 7, 1897, in Amsterdam, Holland.

Besides his primary education in Malden, Mass., he attended the Wentworth Institute, The Franklin Union, Massachusetts Institute of Technology for Marine Engineering, University Extension Course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His occupation is that of a supervising Engineer for the General Electric Company. His duties were performed all over the world. He belongs to the following organizations: Converse Lodge of Masons, Malden, Mass.; Club Union Medellin, Colombia, South America; Club Campestre, Colombia, South America; Country Club Camaguey, Cuba; Kimberley Club, South Africa; the A.I.E.E.; and the Alumni Association, Marine Engineering at M.I.T.

His wife came to the United States at the age of 18, having previously studied Art in Amsterdam, and is a member of the O.E.S. Mona Bina Chapter.

They reside in Malden.

They had four children:

a. DORIS RAE LAWSON was born May 29, 1922, in Medford, Mass. She married May 14, 1944, in Malden, Mass., STANLEY MERTON ATKINSON, son of HOWARD MERTON and STELLA MAE (BERRY) ATKINSON. He was born May 14, 1918, in Machiasport, Maine.

Besides her primary education in Malden, Mass., she attended Burdett College. She is a member of the Rainbow Girls and the Kappa Phi Sorority.

They reside in New London, Conn.

b. HAROLD RAYMOND LAWSON, JR., was born Feb. 4, 1929, in Melrose, Mass.

c. BARBARA NANCY LAWSON was born Jan. 10, 1927, in Medford, Mass. She is a member of the Junior Old and New, and the Kappa Phi Sorority.

d. THEODORA JOANNE LAWSON was born Aug. 22, 1934, in Medford, Mass.

8. CHESTER MCKINLEY LAWSON was born Jan. 4, 1901, in Fall River, Mass. He married first June 15, 1923, in Ipswich, Mass., JOHANNA HEPPELL FRIBERG, daughter of GUSTAVE FERDINAND and ELIZABETH (GREENWELL) FRIBERG. She was born Feb. 28, 1896, in Cambridge, Mass. He married secondly Aug. 30, 1945, in Miami, Fla., MURIEL LOUISE WALTERS, daughter of FRANK and BESSIE (WALTERS) WALTERS. She was born in Malden, Mass., Feb. 20, 1924.

See page ix for biography.

9. GEORGE EDWARD LAWSON was born March 21, 1908, in Malden, Mass. He married Sept. 8, 1928, in Derry, N. H., ELEANOR HULT, daughter of CHARLES HULT. She was born Jan. 5, 1908.

His education was received at the Malden schools, as well as a special course on structural steel detailing and designing. He served an apprenticeship at the Gilman Mfg. Co., Boston, Mass., and was with the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft of East Hartford, Conn. After beginning at the bottom with the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, he has risen to the position of Field Representative. In the last four years, it necessitated his traveling to England, Scotland and Wales, on business. He was in the National Guard, the 118th Observation Squadron for four years, from 1936 to 1940.

They reside in Hartford, Conn.

They had two children:

a. ELEANOR IRENE LAWSON was born May 13, 1929, in Hartford, Conn.

b. BEVERLY ANN LAWSON was born March 6, 1932, in Hartford, Conn.

C. MARY JANE LAWSON was born July 12, 1862, in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. She married Feb. 3, 1883, in Montrose, Forfarshire (Angus), Scotland, JAMES MARR COBB, son of WILLIAM and MARY (WALKER) COBB. He was born June 20, 1861, in Montrose, and drowned at sea Dec. 24, 1907. Since his death, she resided in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He was a purveyor.

They had one child:

1. EDITH MARY LAWSON COBB was born March 26, 1884, in London, England. She married Aug. 22, 1904, in Barry, Glamorganshire, Wales, FRANK CALLAWAY, son of JOHN

CALLAWAY and AUGUSTA SUSANAH (TAYLOR) CALLAWAY. He was born Dec. 26, 1875, in Mountain-Ash, Glamorganshire, Wales. He is a cutter and tailor by trade.

They reside in Hamilton, Scotland.

They had four children:

a. DOUGLAS JOHN JAMES COBB CALLAWAY was born July 7, 1905, in Abergavenny, Glamorganshire, Wales. He is a transport worker and storekeeper.

b. GORDON CALLAWAY was born Dec. 27, 1908, in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He is an engineer and received his education at the Mechanical Training ASSC 1. DMA.

c. EDITH MARY CALLAWAY was born June 19, 1914, in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. She received her education at the Hamilton School, Scotland, and is a Professor of Dancing.

d. HILDA MARGARET CALLAWAY was born July 15, 1915, in Bargoed, Glamorganshire, Wales. She received her education at the Hamilton School, Scotland, and is a Professor of Dancing.

D. CAROLINE LAWSON was born Mar. 31, 1865, in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. She died Apr. 5, 1906, in Hamilton, Scotland, and was buried in Chanton Hall Cemetery, Hamilton, Scotland. She married Dec. 18, 1893, in Edinburgh, Scotland, JOHN TRAILL, JR., son of JOHN TRAILL and JANE (JAMIESON) TRAILL. He was born in Leven, Fifeshire, Scotland, Dec. 24, 1863. He died May 9, 1936, in Schieldhill, Falkirk, Scotland. He was a check weighman.

They had six children:

1. MARY MILLAR TRAILL was born Nov. 28, 1894, in Forth, Forfarshire, Scotland. She married Nov. 19, 1920, in Polmont, Stirlingshire, Scotland, JAMES FORSYTH MATHIESON, son of JOHN and MARGARET (DUNMORE) MATHIESON. He was born Sept. 30, 1890, in Barrow, Lancashire, England.

He is a clerk.

They reside in Wallacestone, Scotland.

They had four children:

a. ISA MARGARET MATHIESON was born Oct. 8, 1923, in Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland. She attended the Falkirk Technical School. She was a pay clerk and time sheet keeper and on Dec. 9, 1942, joined the service as a W.R.E.N.

b. Caroline Mary Mathieson was born Dec. 24, 1924, in Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland. She attended the Falkirk Technical School, and is now a clerk.

c. James Forsyth Mathieson, Jr., was born Sept. 16, 1930, in Glasgow, Scotland. He attended the Falkirk Technical School, and is an apprentice electrician.

d. Sheena Helen Mathieson was born Dec. 23, 1931, in Glasgow, Scotland.

2. John Traill, 3rd, was born Aug. 27, 1896, at Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He married Dec. 27, 1922, at Motherwell, Scotland, Anne Lenox McNeill, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Johnston) McNeill. She was born July 23, 1893, at Motherwell, Scotland. He is a railway engine driver.

They reside in Perth, Scotland.

They had two children:

a. John Traill, 4th, was born Jan. 20, 1925, in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He is a railway worker.

b. Mary McNeil Traill, was born Sept. 27, 1928, in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland. She is a clerk.

3. Kenneth Traill, Sr., was born Aug. 29, 1898, in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He married Feb. 1, 1926, in Glasgow, Scotland, Isabella Gilbert Henderson, daughter of John and Mary (Herd) Henderson. She was born May 16, 1903, in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He is a railway engine driver.

They reside in Perth, Scotland.

They had three children:

a. Mary Herd Traill, was born Dec. 9, 1926, in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland. She is a clerk.

b. John Henderson Traill, was born July 17, 1928, in Greenhill, Scotland. He is an engineer.

c. Kenneth Traill, Jr., was born Jan. 10, 1935, in Brechin, Scotland.

4. James Lawson Traill was born July 4, 1900, in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He died Dec. 13, 1901, in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

5. Jane Jamieson Traill was born July 4, 1900. She and James Lawson Traill were twins. She married Oct. 5, 1927, in Glasgow, Scotland, Angus Morrison, son of Wil-

LIAM and RACHAEL MORRISON. He was born Dec. 15, 1904, in South Mist, Inverness, Scotland. He is a railway worker.
They reside in Glasgow, Scotland.
They had four children:

a. CHRISTINA RAESIDE MORRISON was born April 4, 1928, in Glasgow, Scotland. She is a bath attendant.

b. ANNE MORRISON was born Dec. 15, 1929, in Glasgow, Scotland. She is a chemist's assistant.

c. JEAN MORRISON was born Jan. 29, 1934, in Glasgow, Scotland.

d. CAROLINE MARY PATERSON MORRISON was born May 30, 1944, in Glasgow, Scotland.

6. AGNES TRAILL was born Oct. 27, 1901, in Hamilton, Scotland. She died Nov. 13, 1902, in Hamilton, Scotland.

E. AMELIA SELENA (LENA) LAWSON was born Dec. 17, 1866, in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. She died in Durban, South Africa. Date of death is unknown. She was a certified nurse.

F. WILLIAM MILLAR LAWSON was born Aug. 6, 1868, in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He married April 2, 1891, in Bristol, England, ADA FREEMAN, daughter of CHARLES and MERCY (YORK) FREEMAN. She was born Oct. 13, 1868, in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England. He is a retired secretary. He received his education at the Board Schools at the Queen Elizabeth's Hospital Graduating College, where he took the Oxford and Cambridge Exams. He was a member of the Civil Guards. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Friendly Society of Iron Founders, of which he was General Secretary, the Ilkeston Approved Society, of which he was General Secretary, and a member of the English Advisory Board for National Health Insurance, of which Lloyd George has been Chairman.
They reside in Bristol, England.
They had six children:

1. HAROLD MILLAR LAWSON was born Oct. 31, 1892, in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He married first Mar. 21, 1923, in Malden, Mass., GLADYS MAUD WILLIAMS, daughter of JOHN and ELLEN (HILTON) WILLIAMS. She was born Mar. 8, 1895, in Leicester, Leicestershire, England, and she died May 19, 1943, in Needham, Mass. He married secondly Feb. 5, 1944, in Needham, Mass., PAULINE SHRIVER, daughter of CHARLES H. and HARRIET (HOBBS) SHRIVER. She was born Sept. 18, 1894, in Dedham, Mass.

They reside in Needham, Mass.

HAROLD M. LAWSON came to the United States from Manchester, England, in November of 1922. While in England, his occupation was that of an accountant. He became office manager for the Salada Tea Company, in Boston, Mass., and later, treasurer. He attended the Boston University College of Business Administration and later was graduated from the Northeastern Law School, *cum laude*, where he received his LL.B. degree.

He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Nehoiden Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Needham, and Past Master of the Atlantic Lodge, of Quincy. He is past president of the National Office Managers' Association and is past vice-president of the Comptrollers' Institute of America.

He is extremely active in civic affairs in Needham, having served in many capacities, such as chairman of the Finance Committee and chairman of the Wage and Salary Committee. He organized and recruited the Needham Co. of the 23rd Infantry Regiment (Massachusetts State Guard) and was its first Commanding Officer, now Captain, inactive.

By the first marriage, there was one child:

a. BARBARA FREEMAN LAWSON was born Oct. 24, 1933, in Needham, Mass.

2. ALBERT LESLIE LAWSON was born Sept. 27, 1895, in Fishponds, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He married July 11, 1928, in Fishponds, Bristol, England, IVY LILIAN FLOOK, daughter of WILLIAM and EMILY (MOON) FLOOK. She was born Aug. 11, 1896, in Fishponds, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He is an engineer draughtsman, and from 1913 to 1931 was at sea as a wireless operator.

They reside in Bristol, England.

They had one child:

a. NANCY MILLAR LAWSON was born Jan. 27, 1930, in Atlantic near Boston, Mass.

3. HILDA MERCY LAWSON was born Feb. 12, 1898, in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. She married June 19, 1926, in Fishponds, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, EDWARD LESLIE PACKER, son of EDWARD WILLIAM and ANNE (TANNER) PACKER. He was born May 4, 1900, in Shortwood, Gloucestershire, England. He is a woodworking machinist.

They reside in Totnes, England.

They had one child:

a. DAVID GEOFFREY PACKER was born Oct. 3, 1930, in Kingswood, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

4. DORIS LENA LAWSON was born June 30, 1900, in Attercliffe, Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, and died Nov. 9, 1904, in Attercliffe.

5. WINNIFRED LENA LAWSON was born May 30, 1908, in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. She married Aug. 11, 1934, in Fishponds, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, KENNETH HENRY MANNING, son of HENRY and LILY BEATRICE (TURNER) MANNING. He was born Jan. 21, 1908, in Fishponds, Bristol, England. She was graduated from St. George Secondary School and is now a clerk.

They reside in Bristol, England.

6. CLIFFORD WILLIAM LAWSON was born May 29, 1910, in Brooksbar, Manchester, Lancashire, England. He married July 8, 1938, in Wickwar, Gloucestershire, England, STELLA ROSE, the daughter of BENJAMIN and ROSE HILDA (HAYMAN) ROSE. She was born Aug. 21, 1915, in Wickwar, Gloucestershire, England. He was graduated from Merchant Venturers Technical College, and has been engaged in civil defense since 1940. He is also an engineer, designer, and draughtsman.

They reside in Bristol, England.

They had two children:

a. CAROL WENDY LAWSON was born Jan. 5, 1940, in Downend, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

b. SUSAN LAWSON was born Feb. 5, 1945, in Downend, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

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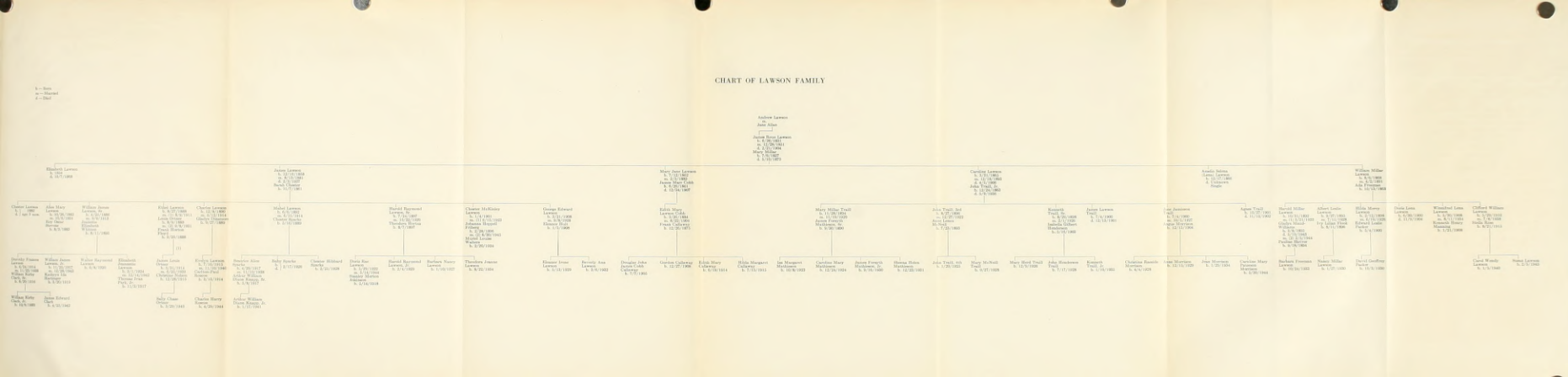

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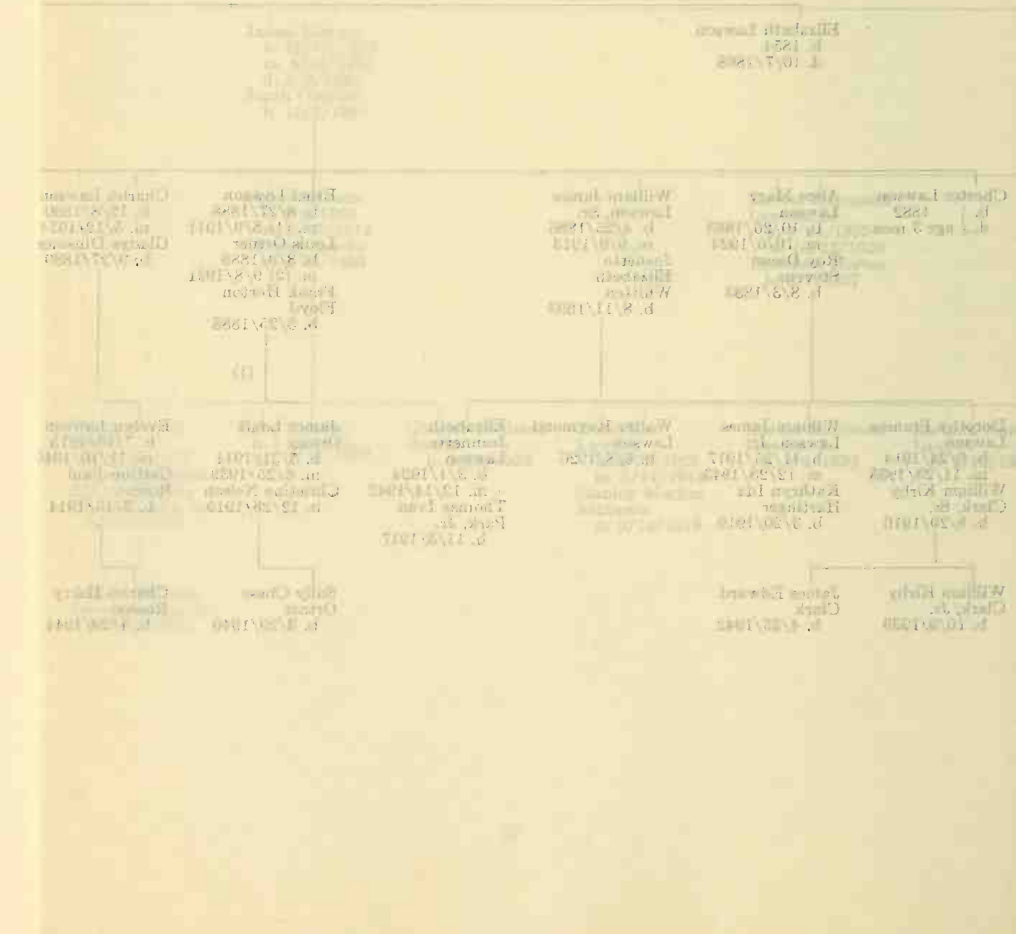

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1. ELI CHESTER was born about 1820, in Yeovil, England, the son of JOHN HARRISON CHESTER. He married July 13, 1845, in Bath, England, CAROLINE VAUGHN, the daughter of THOMAS VAUGHN. He died about 1870 in Yeovil, England. She died about 1890 in Cardiff, Wales.

They had ten children:

A. WILLIAM CHESTER was born Oct. 5, 1842, in Bath, England. He died in infancy.

B. MARY JANE CHESTER was born April 9, 1845, in Bath, England. She married GEORGE CHISLET. She died about 1889 in Essex, England.

They had one child:

1. GEORGE CHISLET

He resided in Providence, R. I., about 30 years ago.

C. WILLIAM CHESTER was born Aug. 1, 1847, in Yeovil, England. He died in infancy.

D. CAROLINE LUCY CHESTER was born Dec. 16, 1849, in Yeovil, England. She died in infancy.

E. THOMAS CHESTER was born Mar. 16, 1851, in Yeovil, England. He married ELIZABETH HAYDEN.

They had several children.

F. HENRY CHESTER was born July 19, 1853, in Yeovil, England. He died in infancy.

G. GEORGE CHESTER was born Oct. 18, 1855, in Yeovil, England. He died in infancy.

H. LUCY HANNAH CHESTER was born Oct. 5, 1857, in Yeovil, England. She married June 3, 1879, in Bristol, England, JOHN SMETHURST, son of WILLIAM and ANN SMETHURST. He died April 29, 1940, in Fall River, Mass.

She resides in Fall River, Mass.

They had three children:

1. CARRIE SMETHURST was born Sept. 13, 1881, in Fall River, Mass. She married June 14, 1905, in Fall River, Mass., GEORGE HENRY KING, son of GEORGE and ANN (DRIVER) KING. He was born July 30, 1871.

They reside in Fall River, Mass.

They had five children:

a. Stanley Smethurst King was born Aug. 25, 1907, in Fall River, Mass. He married June 28, 1930, in Fall River, Mass., Florence Halstead, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Foster) Halstead. She was born Jan. 14, 1905, in Burnley, Lancashire, England.

They reside in Malden, Mass.

They had two children:

i. Barbara Nancy King was born April 1, 1931, in Fall River, Mass.

ii. Robert Edward King was born Jan. 23, 1934, in Fall River, Mass.

b. Leslie Howard King was born May 5, 1910, in Fall River, Mass. He married July 10, 1937, in Fall River, Mass., Marion Isabel Smith, daughter of Thomas Sidney and Ida (Wrigley) Smith. She was born Jan. 9, 1910, in Fall River, Mass.

They reside in Fall River, Mass.

They had three children:

i. Priscilla Mildred King was born March 20, 1939, in Fall River, Mass.

ii. Marjorie Diane King was born June 11, 1940, in Fall River, Mass.

iii. Karen Elizabeth King was born Sept. 23, 1945, in Fall River, Mass.

c. Willard Vaughn King was born June 13, 1913, in Fall River, Mass. He married Nov. 5, 1938, in Boston, Mass., Jeanette Cohen, daughter of Philip and Celia (Margolis) Cohen. She was born Jan. 25, 1918, in Boston, Mass.

They reside in Boston, Mass.

They had one child:

i. Susan Jane King was born Dec. 30, 1942, in Boston, Mass.

d. George Henry King, Jr., was born Feb. 7, 1917, in Fall River, Mass. He married June 26, 1943, in Fall River, Mass., Phyllis Edna Cockcroft, daughter of Raymond William and Marion Agnes (Abbott) Cockcroft. She was born July 22, 1921, in Fall River, Mass.

They reside in Fall River, Mass.

They had one child:

i. Raymond George King was born June 23, 1945, in Fall River, Mass.

e. Edward Graham King was born July 12, 1920, in Fall River, Mass. He married Jean Stawicki.

Thev reside in Long Island, N. Y.

2. Henry Chester Smethurst was born Dec. 31, 1884, in Fall River, Mass. He died July 4, 1931, in Fall River, Mass. He married June 21, 1913, in Providence, R. I., Leona Della Dinsmore, daughter of James William and Jessie Joan (Biswanger) Dinsmore. She was born Oct. 23, 1893, in Medford, Mass. He was a carpenter.

They had two children:

a. Chester Dinsmore Smethurst was born June 21, 1914, in Fall River, Mass. He married June 30, 1935, in Bluffton, Ind., Evelyn Deloris Hubner, daughter of William Francis and Dessie May (Spade) Hubner. She was born Feb. 1, 1916, in Bluffton, Ind.

They reside in West Medford, Mass.

They had five children:

i. William Hubner Smethurst was born May 17, 1936, in Bluffton, Ind.

ii. Chester D. Smethurst, Jr., was born April 5, 1938, in Bluffton, Ind.

iii. Cheryl D. Smethurst was born April 5, 1938, in Bluffton, Ind. She and Chester are twins.

iv. Joyce M. Smethurst was born Mar. 11, 1940, in Medford, Mass.

v. John Henry Smethurst was born Oct. 31, 1945, in Winchester, Mass.

b. Gilbert James Smethurst was born August 5, 1915, in Fall River, Mass. He married August 3, 1941, in West Acton, Mass., Mary Helen Krill, daughter of Albert and Anna (Knox) Krill. She was born March 2, 1916, in Bluffton, Ind. He attended Taylor University, Upland, Ind., from 1935 to 1939, where he received his A.B. degree. On July 3, 1944, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force and was attached to the 561st Base Unit at Roscrans Field, St. Louis, Mo. He was promoted to corporal on January 18, 1945, and was honorably discharged on January 19, 1946.

They reside in West Medford, Mass.

They had two children:

i. Dolores Diane Smethurst was born April 21, 1942, in West Concord, Mass.

ii. Gilbert James Smethurst, II, was born August 5, 1943, in Bluffton, Ind.

3. Mary Smethurst died at age of five in Fall River, Mass.

I. Henry George Chester was born April 20, 1860, in Yeovil, England.

J. Sarah Chester was born Nov. 7, 1861, in Yeovil, England. She married Aug. 13, 1881, in Bristol, England, James Lawson. See Lawson Genealogy, page 1.

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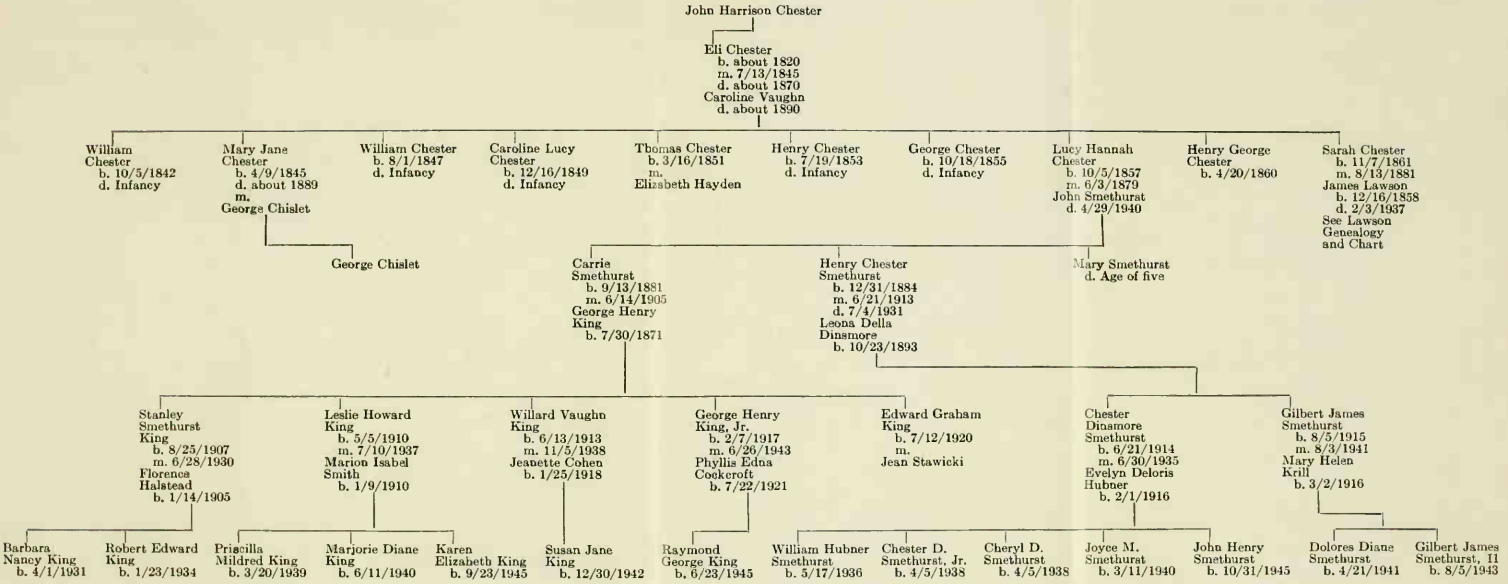

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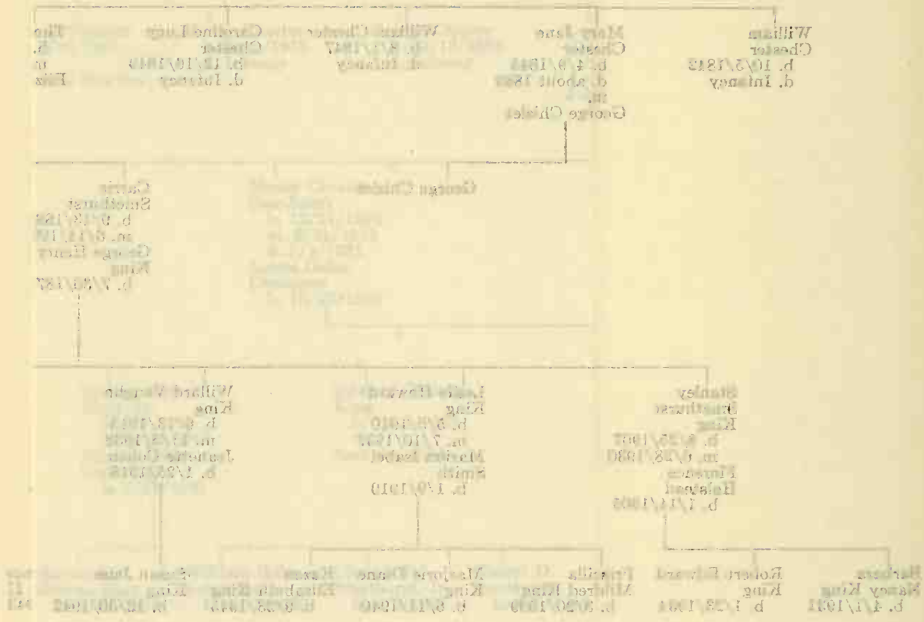

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